

Baraboo Public Art Association

**MINUTES**

July 25, 2019

1. Stelling called the meeting to order at 4 p.m. Also present: Geick, Palm, McArthur, Shelton, Spring, Watson and guests Kimberly Rabska and Dean Allen. Huffaker sent regrets.
2. Geick moved approval of the agenda, Palm seconded, motion carried.
3. Geick moved approval of the May minutes with one typographical correction, Shelton seconded, motion carried. (There was no June meeting due to bad weather.)
4. Palm nominated Kim Rabska to the board. Spring seconded, motion carried. Welcome, Kim! Her full term will start as of February 2020.
5. Muralist Bernie Poff was unable to attend due to an injury. BPAA board sent a get-well card. Geick will introduce the water tower mural idea to the Public Safety Committee on August 26. We will want to have a few BPAA reps there to help present our request.
6. Treasurer's Report. The report now includes a column to indicate amounts for earmarked projects. Note that the May 4 contribution from Nancy Phelan was earmarked for the lead elephant sculpture project. Motion by Geick to accept the Treasurer's report, Palm seconded, motion carried.
7. Website progress. The high school helpers are finished; the project is now transferred to Stelling who will add new board member photo and photos from the recent twin elephant installation. Shelton will prepare a press release about the website and recent activities for release in early September.
8. QR Codes on Fabric of the Community murals. Geick will start the project, check on this next month.
9. Quilt Squares. McArthur described his plans for painting the verbiage for the squares on translucent squares with white paint. Watson will make a spread sheet for tracking quilt square payments and names.
10. Twin elephant event summary. Things worked out very well despite the heat. The delivery and installation by Pearson went smoothly, there was good media coverage both before and during the event, and Mrs. Henry, the donor, was delighted. McArthur made rubbings of the plaques for Mrs. Henry's scrapbook. Stelling will handle thank you notes to Fairfield Concrete (Jerry Beckwith), artist Larry Pearson, Robin Whyte, Forest Hartman, and Armando at Circus World.
11. Funding the elephant herd leader. Palm described the wonderful progress towards fully funding the next elephant sculpture (\$5,000 from Sauk County Arts and Humanities, \$1,000 from

Summit Credit Union, \$500 from Nancy Phelan) and announced a generous gift of \$5000 from Community First Bank, presented by Kim Rabska. We are now within \$2500 of fulling funding the project.

12. Contract approval. Spring moved to pay sculptor Dean Allen \$8000, half of the full amount, as a deposit so he can begin work. McArthur seconded, motion carried. We are probably looking at a spring installation. Dean Allen described the work as a combination of bronze, copper and stainless steel in a design that will be similar to the other elephant sculptures. He also generously offers to host one or two fundraising events at his studio in Lodi. We might be able to raise additional funds via a Go Fund Me campaign or talking with interested individuals.
13. Myron Park landscaping. We might need to wait on this until after the lead elephant is installed, although Dean Allen thinks it possible to install from curbside without driving on the lawn. Also, the Parks Dept. will be installing another bench and the current bench will be turned to face in towards the sculptures.
14. New business. McArthur recommends we invite Forrest Hartman and Robin Whyte to a fall meeting to help BPAA think about how to take our planning and funding to a higher level. We will want to allow time for an extended conversation. Robyn suggests that BPAA become a member of the Network for Charitable Giving of South Central Wisconsin and select a rep to attend meetings.
15. New business. McArthur presented a message from Sarah Fay, Jeweler's Edge, asking that BPAA find a way to enhance the appearance of the concrete wall located in the Civic Center parking lot. She provided an example of a mural with logos of various veterans groups. Geick noted that there are some structural problems with the wall and that it is not very tall. We will discuss this next month.
16. Motion to adjourn by Geick, seconded by McArthur, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 4:58 p.m., followed by a "big check" photo with Kim Rabska, Mayor Palm and BPAA members to celebrate the contribution from Community First Bank. Next meeting Thursday, August 22 at 4 p.m.

Judy Spring, Secretary